

Old Town Historical Committee
January 11, 2010
Monday
5:45 PM
Minutes

Call to order: Dr. Bender called the meeting to order at 5:46pm.

Roll Call: Present for roll call were Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon and Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry.
Also, in attendance was Mr. Garrett (Main Street Program), Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Garvin (Main Street Program), Mayor Ebert, Mr. Peoples, Mr. Strayer and Mr. Note (Landmarks)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the December 14th, 2009 meeting was held until General Council meeting for lack of quorum.

Pended Items:

06-01 Interurban Building Update

Mr. Jarvis stated that nothing is happening at this time. The next event will be a review of the interior plans. There is some financial consideration as to when that will happen. There will also be a historical marker to be dedicated in the spring of 2010. It will remain on the agenda.

09-05 Town Hall Windows Update

Mr. Peoples stated that we have received the approval from Ohio Historical Preservation office to enter into a contract with the architect. We sent the contract to them and plan for a kick-off meeting next week.

New Items for Discussion

10-01 Selection of Vice-Chair

Dr. Bender nominated Mrs. Mershon; seconded by Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Dr. Bender, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Mershon**

NAYS:

Motion carried.

10-02 Proposed Canal Winchester Main Street sponsored Canal Winchester Blues & Ribfest

Mr. Jarvis, of the Main Street Organization, noted that we have been approached by Pickerington, who had been the hosts of the Jazz & Ribfest, to see if we could host this festival in Canal Winchester, as it has outgrown the area in Pickerington.

In researching the Ribfest, it was found that it draws an older crowd and a crowd of people from farther away. It was decided that it was a good fit for the Village, the responses from Labor Day Organization and businesses was positive and Main Street agreed to host the event with some help from the Village. It will be held August 6th and 7th, 2010.

Old Business:

Mr. Garvin asked about the process of updating Council with the discussions from Old Town.

Mrs. Mershon asked about the mural and where that stands now. Mr. Strayer stated that they have met with some local artists to see what the locations and costs would be and it looks like it would be a \$10,000 minimum and the price would go up from there depending on the detail of the mural.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry asked if the owner of the building next to Stradley Park had been contacted to see if he is interested. Mr. Strayer stated he was waiting to see if there was still interest after the cost was determined. Mrs. Mershon stated that there was still interest even if it is not possible in 2010. Mr. Strayer said the next step needs to be determining the type of mural and the detail. Mrs. Mershon stated that the Historical Society should have the most input as to what should be depicted in the mural. Dr. Bender believes that the canal should be featured if it was done right where the canal use to be. Further discussion ensued.

Dr. Bender suggested that the representatives of the various entities be given a chance to speak during each meeting should they have something they would like to share with the committee.

Mr. Garvin stated that he is excited going into this year and that Old Town will serve as a great vehicle to get information from outside committees to Council.

Mr. Strayer stated that the Marathon Station is still owned by the CWICC and is waiting for approval to be cleaned up. In the process, there has been a new grant created and we will apply for that in 2010.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Mershon moved to adjourn this meeting of the Old Town Committee and was seconded by Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Dr. Bender, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mrs. Mershon**

NAYS:

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.